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1. The reply brief filed July 30, 2008 has been entered and considered. The application has been forwarded to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences for decision on the appeal. A supplemental Examiner's Answer is attached hereto that addresses new issues raised in the reply brief.

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